

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached replacement drawing sheet makes changes to Fig. 3 and replaces the original sheet with Fig. 3.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS

Claims 1-36 are pending in this application, with claims 5-7, 9, 11, 21-27 and 32-34 being withdrawn by the Examiner. By this Amendment, claims 1, 8, 10, 12, 17, 18, 20, 28, 30, 35 and 36 are amended. Support for the amendments to independent claims 1, 8, 10, 12, 28, 30, 35 and 36 can be found in the specification, for example in paragraph [0091]. Claims 17, 18 and 20 are amended for clarity and to correct my informalities. Further, Fig. 3 also is amended to correct minor informalities. No new matter is added.

The courtesies extended to Applicant's representative by Examiner Won at the telephone interview held October 24, 2007, are appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below and constitute Applicant's record of the interview.

Applicant appreciates the courtesies shown to Applicant's representative by Examiner Won in the October 24, 2007 telephone interview. Applicant's separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

The Office Action makes final the June 6, 2007 Restriction Requirement. However, Applicant respectfully continues to assert that the grounds for the Restriction Requirement is improper. In particular, Applicant maintains the assertion that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. Thus, Applicant respectfully request rejoinder of withdrawn claims 5-7, 9, 11, 21-27 and 32-34.

The Office Action objects to claim 20 for a minor informality. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 20 has been amended to correct the informality. Thus, Applicant respectfully that the objection be withdrawn.

The Office Action objects to claim 18 for being in improper dependent form. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 18 has been amended obviate the objection. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-4, 8, 10, 12-20, 28-31, 35 and 36 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) and 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,324,571 to Hacherl. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

With respect to independent claim 1, and as discussed during the October 24, 2007 telephone interview, Applicant respectfully submit that Hacherl fails to teach or suggest a configuration sending system that sends configuration information of the candidate device to said plurality of electronic devices when the candidate electronic device is determined as the new model device by the determining system, as recited in amended independent claim 1, and as similarly recited in independent claims 8, 10, 12, 28, 30, 35 and 36.

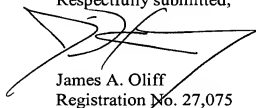
The Office Action alleges domain controller 110a and domain controller 110c, correspond to the candidate device and currently operating model device, respectively, as recited in independent claim 1, and as similarly recited in independent claims 8, 10, 12, 28, 30, 35 and 36. However, as discussed during the telephone interview, Hacherl teaches that after promoting domain controller 110c to role owner, the domain controllers (110b and 110d) that are not promoted to a role owner, are updated via scheduled replication procedures (col. 11, lines 51-53), not when domain controller 110c is promoted to role owner. That is, because Hacherl merely teaches updating via scheduled replication procedures, Hacherl does not disclose a configuration sending system that sends configuration information of domain controller 110c to the domain controllers 110b and 110d when domain controller 110c is promoted to role owner.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 8, 10, 12, 28, 30, 35 and 36 are patentable over Hacherl. Further, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2-4, 13-20, 29 and 31 are patentable at least in view of the patentability of independent claims 1, 12, 28, and 30, from which they variously depend, as well as for the additional features they recite. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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